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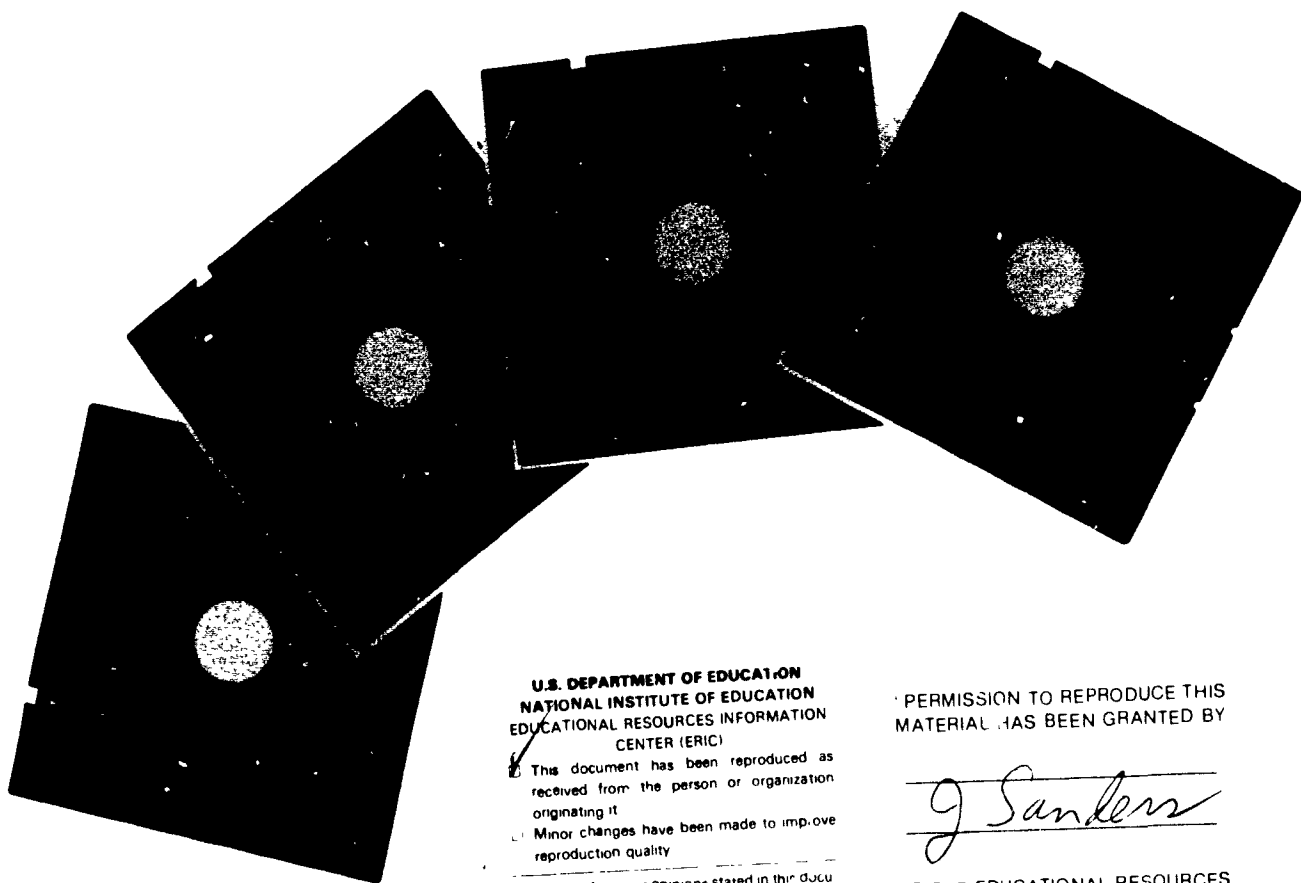
ABSTRACT

This directory contains 111 reviews of computer software programs suitable for use in adult basic education, general educational development, and English as a second language (ESL) programs. Each one-page review contains the following information: program title, version, producer, cost, hardware requirements, typical run time, back-up disk, appropriate uses, specific subject/skill area, instructional mode, description, and rating of program quality, recommendation, and comments. Programs were reviewed by one to three reviewers. Curriculum areas covered by the software reviews are computer literacy, ESL, language arts, life skills, mathematics, reading, science, and social studies. A section of programs for the teacher is also reviewed. The final section of the guide contains a list of the most useful programs for adult education. (KC)

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SOFTWARE REVIEWS FOR ADULT EDUCATION

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FOREWORD

The Massachusetts Department of Education, Bureau of Student, Community, and Adult Services has, over a three year period beginning in 1983, undertaken a series of projects that had as a goal the integration of computers in the learning process at adult education centers throughout the state. As in other educational sectors, such integration called for resource and information gathering, hardware and software requisition, staff training, development of implementation strategies, and follow-up procedures.

The initial task of the adult educators involved in the project was to explore the potential for computer use with their special populations. State-funded mini-grants supplied hardware and software to centers whose personnel were selected as potential participants in training programs. Through the joint efforts of the Massachusetts State Department of Education and the Merrimack Education Center in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, a series of five-day software applications institutes were organized. Three such institutes provided intensive training for approximately fifty adult educators statewide. Early efforts explored a variety of promising computer applications practiced in public school systems. The unique perspective of the institute experience attempted to distill out those applications appropriate for adult learners in ABE, GED, and ESL programs.

Criteria for software selection were carefully developed in areas of technical and instructional characteristics with additional emphasis on propriety of content for the adult learner. A software evaluation form was devised through an arduous group effort. This special form, displayed on the page following this one, has been met with widespread approval by adult educators throughout New England. Its use for purposes of disseminating information has been generally limited to training participants who have been sensitized to criteria for selecting promising software. This informally certified group has become known as the Massachusetts Adult Software Specialists (M.A.S.S.) and their efforts at evaluating software provide the substance for this resource. As two or more evaluations on single software items were submitted, a summary form was utilized to combine the general results of those evaluations, and these summary forms comprise the body of this publication.

The summary forms are simple and clear and could be quite useful to any adult educator who wishes to efficiently explore a number of reviews on potentially useful software products. However, as with any evaluative resource, a set of warnings should be carefully noted. It must be emphasized that the information contained in the evaluation has a degree of subjectivity that should be considered. Also evaluations are submitted with a specific target population in mind and should be examined in light of this perspective. Finally, the evaluations reflect a conglomerate of individual experiences and should not in any case be viewed as either a group endorsement or condemnation of any given product. That is, the content of the review forms is not intended to reflect the opinion of the Merrimack Education Center nor any branch of the State Department of Education as to the quality of the products reviewed.

This resource is offered as a guide to adult educators and its greatest utility may be in suggesting which software might be looked at more closely for fulfilling a specific need. To eliminate a product from potential use based upon this resource would be contrary to the intention of the resource staff. The M.A.S.S. group has expanded and continues to produce additional software evaluations. Accordingly, this resource is expected to grow, providing additional insight on products described within as well as on additional items that may address the needs of adult learners.

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SOFTWARE EVALUATION FORM

MATERIALS APPROPRIATE FOR ADULT LEARNERS

PROGRAM TITLE: _____ Software Producer: _____ Version: _____

Hardware Requirements: _____

Cost, if known: _____ Includes Back-Up Disk: _____

Comment on Typical Runtime: _____

INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES AND TECHNIQUES (check all that apply)

Appropriate Uses:

___ ABE (0-4); ___ Pre-GED (5-8); ___ GED(9-12); ___ ESL; ___ Pre-Voc.

Specific Subject/Skill Area _____

___ Basic Skill Remediation	___ Drill and Practice
___ Skill/Knowledge Development	___ Tutorial
___ Enrichment	___ Game or Simulation
___ Learning Tool	___ Diagnostic/Prescriptive
___ Administrative/Teacher Tool	Other _____

INSTRUCTIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Yes No

Learning objectives are clear and worthwhile for adult learners. _____

Typical runtime is commensurate to educational value. _____

Tone of address is acceptable to adults. _____

Format is challenging, not frustrating. _____

Feedback is appropriate, useful, and timely. _____

CONTENT CHARACTERISTICS

Yes No

Content is error-free and factually correct. _____

Difficulty level may be adjusted. _____

Presentation is logical and well-organized. _____

Vocabulary, concepts, and examples are relevant to adults. _____

Content can be changed or added by instructor. _____

Content avoids ethnic, racial, or sexual discrimination and stereotyping. _____

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICSYes No

Documentation is concise, readable, and adequate. _____

Screen directions are concise, readable, and adequate. _____

Adult learners can operate program independently. _____

Program may be entered and exited with ease. _____

Program is user friendly and apparently error free. _____

Screens and/or text is readable and uncluttered. _____

Sound and graphics enhance the program; are not demeaning. _____

Rate and sequence of program operation can be controlled. _____

Management/Record keeping system: _____ None; _____ Optional;
_____ Required for program operationPROGRAM QUALITY SUMMARYRECOMMENDATIONS

4 (high) to 1 (low)

_____ Instructional Characteristics

_____ I highly recommend this program
for use with adult learners.

_____ Content Characteristics

_____ I would use this program, but
with some reservations or
changes.

_____ Technical Characteristics

_____ I would neither use nor
recommend this program for
adult learners.Comments: (Strengths, weaknesses, suggested uses, training requirements,
etc.)

Evaluator's Name: _____

Date: _____

Position: _____

Organization: _____

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ADULT EDUCATION SOFTWARE EVALUATIONS

COMPUTER LITERACY

Apple II Plus Tutorial
Computer Concepts
Understanding Computers

ESL

Alligator Game Series for English Usage
Bank Street Writer
Basic English Skills - Sentences Disk 2
Building Better Sentences
Cloze Plus Program
Dasher
Elementary Math - Volume 3
Essential Idioms in English
The Factory
Grammar Mastery
Homonyms in Context
Life Coping Skills: Forming Positive Behavior
Magic Spells
Master Spell
Math Sequences
Missing Links: English Editor
Missing Links: Young People's Literature
Money! Money!
Readability Formulas
Scripsit
Spelling - Volume 1
Teacher Utilities: Vol. 1
 Review & Review Load
Teaching Tools: Spelling Package
Teasers by Tobbs
U.S. Constitution Tutor
Verbs I
Visicalc
Who, What, Where, When, Why
Word Attack
Wordwright

LANGUAGE ARTS

Alligator Game Series for English Usage
Bank Street Writer
Basic English Skills - Parts of Speech
Basic English Skills - Sentences - Disk 1
Basic English Skills - Sentences - Disk 2
Building Better Sentences
Capitalization
Grammar Mastery
Homonyms in Context
Long Vowels
Magic Spells
Master Spell
P.F.S. Write
SAT - English I
Sentence Combining
Short Vowels
Spelling Demons
Spelling - Volume I
Spelling - Volume II
Spell It
Verbs I
Vocabulary Skills (Context Clues)
Who, What, Where, When, Why
Wizard of Words
Wordwright
Writing Skills

LIFE SKILLS

Career Directions
Daily Living Skills: Banking and Credit
Life Coping Skills: Building Relationships
Life Coping Skills: Forming Positive Behavior
Life Coping Skills: Increasing Self Esteem
Money! Money!

MATH

Adding Fractions
The Arithmetic Classroom - Decimals
The Arithmetic Classroom - Division
The Arithmetic Classroom - Fractions:
Addition & Subtraction
The Arithmetic Classroom - Fractions:
Basic Concepts
The Arithmetic Classroom - Fractions:
Multiplication & Division

MATH cont'd

Building Basic Math Skills
Discover What Graphs Can Tell You
Dividing Fractions
Elementary Math Volume 3
Math Sequences
Math Sequences: Equations
The Factory
Fraction Factory
Mathematics Activities Courseware
Math Sequences
Math Sequences: Equations
Multiplying Fractions
The Pond
Sem Calc
Subtracting Mixed Fractions
Survival Math
Teasers by Tobbs

READING

Cloze Plus Program
Comprehension Power
The Iron Horse
Missing Links: English Editor
Missing Links: Young People's Edition
Programming Phonics: Series K - 3
Beginning Consonants
Reading and Thinking
Speed Reader II
Tutorial Comprehension
Vowels
Word Attack

SCIENCE

Systems of the Human Body

SOCIAL STUDIES

Meet the Presidents
President Elect
U.S. Constitution Tutor

UTILITIES

Dasher
Mastertype
Readability Formulas
Scripsit
Teacher Utilities: Volume 1
 Review & Review Load
Teaching Tools: Spelling Package
Visicalc
Worksheet Wizard

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Computer Literacy

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Apple II Plus Tutorial</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Computer Resources Incorporated</u>	COST: _____
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II/IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: _____
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8);	
<u>X</u> GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Computer Literacy/Apple II</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Tool</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>A step-by-step approach that teaches the student to run an Apple II.</u>	

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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3				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: Program helps students to gain familiarity with the operation of an Apple II. Program is well-organized and helpful.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Computer Concepts</u>		VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Continuous Learning Corporation</u>		COST: <u>\$180.00</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple; Printer Optional</u>		BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u> 15 min/lesson
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u>X</u> GED (9-12); _____ ESL; <u>X</u> PRE-VOC.		TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>45 lessons</u>
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Computer Literacy, Knowledge Development</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Tutorial</u>		
DESCRIPTION: <u>Introduces learners to keyboarding, databases, and word processing. Computer capabilities are explored. Common terminology presented and reinforced</u>		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3		
4	3	4		
3	3	3		
3	3	3		

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X	X		

COMMENTS: Highly interactive program deals with important computer related concepts in a non-threatening fashion. Use of computers and optional printer capability provide more appropriate vehicle to learning about technology than a text.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Understanding Computers</u>		VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	<u>Britannica</u>	COST:	<u>\$239.00</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>\$40</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple, TRS-80</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>10-20 min/ses</u> <u>30 sessions</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>ABE (0-4);</u> <u>PRE-GED (5-8);</u> <u>x GED (9-12);</u> <u>ESL;</u> <u>x PRE-VOC.</u>			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Computer Literacy/Skill & Knowledge Development</u>			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Tool, Simulation</u>			
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Program consists of pre- & post-tests, lessons and</u> <u>reinforcing exercises. May be self-paced.</u>			

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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4	4			
4	3			
3	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X			

COMMENTS: A sound introduction to the uses and capabilities of computers. A
challenging program that works with or without associated documentation.

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ESL

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Alligator Game Series for English Usage</u>		VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Educational Activities</u>	COST: <u>\$59.95</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple, TRS-80</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>20 min/ses</u> <u>2 hour total</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u> </u> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Simulation</u>		
DESCRIPTION: <u>Object of the game is to answer questions correctly & reach the top of the Pyramid. Incorrect answers send you down towards a waiting alligator.</u>		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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2	4			
2	4			
2	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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	X			
X				

COMMENTS: The strength of the program lies in its development of skills in noun/ pronoun usage, pronoun/verb agreement, preposition usage, adjective/adverb usage, verbs & verb forms. Program is highly motivational. Graphics are somewhat time-consuming. Response to incorrect answers could be improved.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Bank Street Writer</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Scholastic</u>	COST: <u>\$69.95</u>
Apple, Acari	BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Commodore 64, IBM-PC</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: _____
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>x</u> ABE (0-4); <u>x</u> PRE-GED (5-8);	
<u>x</u> GED (9-12); <u>x</u> ESL; <u>x</u> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts/Composition & Word Processing</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Tool</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>A word processor that may be utilized in a writing program.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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N/A	N/A			
N/A	N/A			
4	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X			

COMMENTS: An appropriate word processor for new users. A tutorial is available on the second side of the disk. The expanded version (\$125) gives a choice of 40 or 80 column display.

ESL

SOFTWARE PROFILE

SUMMARY

PROGRAM QUALITY. 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer				
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3	3			
4	4			

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer				
1	2	3		
x	x			

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Building Better Sentences VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Milton Bradley COST: \$49.95 BACK-UP DISK? _____

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 - 20 min/session
1½ - 2 hrs total

APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Skill/Knowledge Development

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Tool

DESCRIPTION: Program teaches student to recognize sentence parts & to combine
them to make more effective and interesting grammatical structures.

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: An easy to use, sound basic grammar lesson. The program might be
improved with more examples. The cumulative test allows student to gain points
for the game, Alien Raiders.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Cloze Plus Program</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Milliken</u>	COST: <u>\$425.00</u> BACK-UP DISK? <u>\$210</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>As needed</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Reading</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Program develops comprehension and vocabulary skills.</u>	

SUMMARY

Based Upon 4 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	
4	4	2	4	
4	4	3	4	
3	4	3	4	

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	
X	X		X	
		X		

COMMENTS: The ability of users to ask for clues is one of the positive features
of the program. The graphics are not really needed and may detract from the program.
Content is generally interesting and adult appropriate.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Dasher</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Conduit</u>	COST: <u>\$150.00</u> BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II+, Iie</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: _____
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); _____ PRE-GED (5-8); _____ GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Utilities, Language Arts</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tool</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>4 Diskettes (English, Spanish, French, German) with special characters for each language. Authoring program for creating drill & practice exercises.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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4				
4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: Program allows teacher to readily create content appropriate for adult learners. Its' biggest strength is a unique error-checking system which checks responses letter-by-letter, forcing user to retype misspelled letters. Very useful for grammar practice for foreign language study.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Elementary Math - Volume 3</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>MECC</u>	COST: <u>\$45.00</u> BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple IIc, IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>15 min/session</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u>X</u> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Math/ Basic Skill Remediation</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Analysis of basic geometrical figures</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 3 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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4	4	4		
4	4	3		
2	3	4		

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X		X		
	X			

COMMENTS: Graphics are used appropriately to reinforce geometric concepts of area and perimeter.

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ESL

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Essential Idioms in English</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Regents/ALA</u>	COST: <u>\$39.95/disk</u> <u>\$99.95/set</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>\$19.95</u> <u>20 - 30 min/lesson</u> <u>13 lessons</u>
TYPICAL RUNTIME: _____	
APPROPRIATE USES. _____ ABE (0-4); _____ PRE-GED (5-8); _____ GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts/Idiomatic Words & Phrases</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>A sequence of exercises introduces idioms. Student proceeds</u> <u>with multiple choice and fill-in exercises.</u>	

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: Program contains a wide selection of commonly used idioms that are
initially introduced in a sequence of exercises. Student must be an intermediate
ESL student and be able to read on a second grade level.

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ESL

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	The Factory		VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Sunburst	COST:	\$55.00	BACK-UP DISK? Yes
	Acorn, Apple, Commodore			
REQUIREMENTS:	Atari, IBM-PC, TRS-80	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	15 min/session	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-GEQ (5-3); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Math/Problem Solving			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Simulation			
DESCRIPTION:	Program simulates a factory and student is required to use eight machine operations to create a geometric shape.			

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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3	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X			

COMMENTS: An excellent program for developing sequencing skills and visual reading.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Grammar Mastery</u>	VERSION: <u>Series A</u>
PRODUCER: <u>Regents/ALA</u>	COST: <u>\$39.95/disk</u> <u>\$195.00/series</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>\$15.95</u> <u>\$280.00</u>
TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>20 min/ses</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u> </u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u> </u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u> </u> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Basics of English grammar covering verbs, nouns, pronouns,</u> <u>prepositions, adjectives and adverbs.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 3 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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4	3	4		
3	3	3		
1	2	3		

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X	X		

COMMENTS: Program would be an appropriate reinforcement to classroom work. Prior
teacher instruction is needed for students to work successfully with the program.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Homonyms in Context</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Random House</u>	COST: <u>\$59.95</u> BACK-UP DISK? <u>\$10</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>30 - 40 minutes</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u> </u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u> </u> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill & Practice/Simulation</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Recognition and use of homonyms through both drill and</u> <u>game format.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X			

COMMENTS: Program can be used independently and provides appropriate reinforcement
for the student with immediate feedback. The game is not necessary for the program.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Life Coping Skills: Forming Positive Behavior</u>		VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Control Data</u>	COST: <u>\$295.00</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II+, IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>30 minutes</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u>X</u> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Life Skills/Skill/Knowledge Development</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Simulation, Tutorial</u>		
DESCRIPTION: <u>One of a series of courses providing students with tools for self-improvement and life management skills.</u>		

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: May be used independently by adult learners. Screens sometimes
contain an excess of text.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Magic Spells VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Learning Company COST: \$34.95 BACK-UP DISK? \$10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, IBM-PC TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 minutes
Commodore

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Spelling/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Spell and unscramble words with fourteen word lists. It
is possible to create your own word lists.

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: The program is excellent for practicing & reinforcing spelling. It is
easy to operate and clues to errors are helpful. It should have a record-keeping
system for students to assess their performance, and it should repeat problems in
which the student had an error.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Master Spell VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: MECC COST: \$43.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 min/session

APPROPRIATE USES: x ABE (0-4); x PRE-GED (5-8);
x GED (9-12); x ESL; x PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation/
Administrative/Teacher Tool

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tool

DESCRIPTION: Program allows teachers to create lists of spelling words to
be presented with the teacher's own sentences.

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X	X			

COMMENTS: An easy to use program that allows teachers to create a variety of
personalized lessons. has a built in management capability.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Math Sequences</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Milliken</u>	COST: <u>\$675.00</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>30 min/sitting</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8);	
<u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u>X</u> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Math/Basic Skill Remediation</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Provides drill and practice activities over a comprehensive,</u>	
<u>objective-based mathematics curriculum for grades 1 - 8.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X	X			

COMMENTS: A very comprehensive set of 10 disks covering nearly all skill
objectives in basic mathematics. Management system permits individualized assignments.
Record keeping system enables teacher to acquire printout of students' performance.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Missing Links</u>	VERSION: <u>English Editor</u>
PRODUCER: <u>Surburst</u>	COST: <u>\$55.00</u>
BACK-UP DISK? <u>yes</u>	
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Acorn, Apple II, Atari, Commodore, IBM-PC, TRS-80</u>	
TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>5 - 20 minutes</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>ABE (0-4);</u> <u>X</u> <u>PRE-GED (5-8);</u>	
<u>X</u> <u>GED (9-12);</u> <u>X</u> <u>ESL;</u> <u>X</u> <u>PRE-VOC.</u>	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Reading/Spelling Skill & knowledge level print</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Skill Program</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Students fill in the missing letters or words in passages</u>	
<u>provided by the teacher of varying degrees of difficulty.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5

COMMENTS: Unique program employed for improving reading comprehension
and spelling. The many levels of difficulty available & the ability of the program
to provide reading passages enable precise customization to user. Very appropriate
for ESL.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE	
PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Missing Links</u>	Young People's VERSION: <u>Literature</u>
PRODUCER: <u>Sunburst</u> COST: <u>\$50.00</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Acorn, Apple I, Atari, Commodore, IBM-PC, TRS-80 TYPICAL R'TIME</u> <u>5 - 20 minutes</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>ABE (0-4);</u> <u>X</u> <u>PRE-GED (5-8);</u> <u>X</u> <u>GED (9-12);</u> <u>X</u> <u>ESL;</u> <u>PRE-VOC.</u>	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Reading/Spelling/Skill & Knowledge Development</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Program is in paragraph form with students filling in the blanks with vowels, consonants, or words. May be used as a game.</u>	

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X				

COMMENTS: Motivational program to be used as practice for spelling, context clues, and parts of speech. Readings in this session are not all adult-appropriate. See English Editor Version.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Money! Money!		VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Hartley	COST:	\$39.95	BACK-UP DISK? <u>No</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple, IBM	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	10 min/session	15 sessions
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Life Skills/Basic Skill Remediation			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tool, Tutorial			
DESCRIPTION:	Program deals with basic coin recognition, counting and figuring change through simple word problems.			

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMM. NDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: An easy basic instruction tool for counting change. The program
is modifiable and has a simple record-keeping system.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Readability Formula</u>		VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	<u>Britannica</u>	COST:	<u>\$49.00</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>\$10</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple IIe, IIc, II+</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>10 min/session</u> <u>30 minutes total</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>x</u> ABE (0-4); <u>x</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u>x</u> GED (9-12); <u>x</u> ESL: <u>x</u> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Utilities/Reading</u>			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Tool</u>			
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Seven different tests may be applied simultaneously to</u> <u>determine the reading level of a passage.</u>			

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
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COMMENTS: An excellent tool for computing the reading level of a selection.The manual is needed for initial use of program.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Scriptit		VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Radio Shack	COST:	\$300.00	BACK-UP DISK?
REQUIREMENTS:	TRS-80	TYPICAL RUNTIME:		
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRF-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Word Processing/Skill/Knowledge Dev.			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Tool			
DESCRIPTION:	Word Processing package with many advanced features.			

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: Procedures for basic editing are relatively straight forward. For the more advanced functions, such as merging, a second disk drive is required. Dictionary can be purchased separately & requires second disk drive.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Spelling - Volume I</u>		VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	<u>MECC</u>	COST:	<u>\$44.00</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple IIc</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>10 - 15 minutes</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u> </u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u> </u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u> </u> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Language Arts/Spelling</u>			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill/Practice, Tool</u>			
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Multiple choice format for filling in the blank statements.</u>			

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X	X		

COMMENTS: Teacher has the ability to create a word list and sentences tailored to specific students. It is a very flexible program. The teacher may edit frames to teach definitions or even foreign languages.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Teacher Utilities: Vol. 1</u> <u>Review & Review Load</u>		VERSION: <u>4.2</u>
PRODUCER: <u>MECC</u>	COST: _____	BACK-UP DISK? _____
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>15 minutes</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u>X</u> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Utilities</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice</u>		
DESCRIPTION: <u>Teacher creates drill and practice review tests that are</u> <u>presented in random order.</u>		

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
X				

COMMENTS: The program allows teacher a relatively easy format for writing
practice and drill questions. Feedback is simple and immediate.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Teaching Tools: Spelling Package VERSION: _____
 Teaching Tools:
 PRODUCER: Microcomputer COST: \$100.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes
Apple II/IIe;
 REQUIREMENTS: Cassette Recorder with TYPICAL RUNTIME: Variable
remote jack
 APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Spelling/Phonics

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Student hears word on tape recorder and types answer. High-
lighted corrections and hints are provided for students.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: Feedback is pleasant, but student might benefit from additional graphics.
It is easy to enter spelling words and match them with verbal entry. Some teacher
assistance is required.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Teasers by Tobbs</u>		VERSION:	<u> </u>
PRODUCER:	<u>Sunburst</u>	COST:	<u>\$55.00</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u>
	<u>Acorn, Apple II, Atari,</u>			
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Commodore, IBM-PC, TRS-80</u>		TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u> </u>
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>X</u>	ABE (0-4);	<u>X</u>	PRE-GED (5-8);
	<u>X</u>	GED (9-12);	<u>X</u>	ESL; <u>X</u>
			<u>X</u>	PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Mathematics/Addition & Multiplication</u>			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill/Practice, Game</u>			
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Addition Multiplication problems involving multistep-</u>			
	<u>variations, missing addends, missing factors.</u>			

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X	X	X		

COMMENTS: Six levels of problem types ranging from simple addition and multi-
plication to challenging multistep variations. Format develops an understanding of
the relationships between addition & subtraction, & between multiplication & division.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	U.S. Constitution Tutor		VERSION:	
	Microlab			
PRODUCER:	Learning Co.	COST:	\$39.00	BACK-UP DISK?
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	15 - 20 minutes	
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); PRE-GED (5-8); X GED (9-12); X ESL; PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Social Studies/Skill/Knowledge Dev.			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Tutorial			
DESCRIPTION:	Familiarizes student with the United States Constitution.			

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: Program is very useful in classes for Advanced Citizenship Preparation.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Verbs I</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Milliken</u>	COST: <u>\$80.00</u> BACK-UP DISK? <u>\$40</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II+/e</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>15 minutes</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); _____ GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Program deals with irregular verbs and problem verb pairs.</u> <u>Each lesson is accompanied by pre-test and post-test.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: Adult students should be able to operate this program independently.
It could be improved by the additon of more examples.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Who, What, Where, When, Why</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Hartley</u>	COST: <u>\$49.94</u> BACK-UP DISK? <u>\$12</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>10 - 15 minutes</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u> </u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u> </u> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Twelve lessons designed to teach students the difference between the words in the title.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X				

COMMENTS: Short & simple lessons that may be modified by the teacher. A minimum of screen directions & explanations given. Simple record keeping is built in & there is ample practice for student. Graphics display for correct answer is time-consuming and not adult appropriate.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Visicalc		VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Scholastic	COST:	\$89.95	BACK-UP DISK? Yes
REQUIREMENTS:	TRS-80, Commodore 64		TYPICAL RUNTIME:	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Math/Business			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Tool			
DESCRIPTION:	A spreadsheet accompanied by a written tutorial.			

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X				

COMMENTS. Visicalc is a powerful spreadsheet program. It is useful for administrative applications such as budgeting. With a high degree of preparation it could be used as a problem-solving tool for GED teachers.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Word Attack		VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Davidson & Assoc.	COST:	\$49.95	BACK-UP DISK? \$10
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple, IBM, Commodore		TYPICAL RUNTIME:	10 - 15 minutes
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Reading/Vocabulary, Skill & Knowledge Development			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill, Tutorial			
DESCRIPTION:	A versatile program that utilizes either built-in content or teacher supplied content.			

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics
Content Characteristics
Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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4	4	4		

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend
Use with reservations/changes
Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X	X		

COMMENTS: A flexible program for building vocabulary and word attack skills,
especially appropriate for ESL. Motivational with proper feedback for adult learners.
Nine levels make the program useful for a wide range of abilities.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Wordwright</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Britannica</u>	COST: <u>\$49.00</u> BACK-UP DISK? <u>\$10</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>Varies</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8);	
<u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u>X</u> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Consists of three skill games that teach vocabulary.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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3	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X			

COMMENTS: The program has ample variety in the exercises, but adult learners
would find the answer choices too repetitive. Teacher assistance is required for
the student to operate this program.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Alligator Game Series for English Usage</u>		VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Educational Activities</u>	COST: <u>\$59.95</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u> 20 min/ses
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple, TRS-80</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>2 hour total</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MOOE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Simulation</u>		
DESCRIPTION: <u>Object of the game is to answer questions correctly & reach the top of the Pyramid. Incorrect answers send you down towards a waiting alligator.</u>		

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: The strength of the program lies in its development of skills in noun/
pronoun usage, pronoun/verb agreement, preposition usage, adjective/adverb usage,
verbs & verb forms. Program is highly motivational. Graphics are somewhat time-
consuming. Response to incorrect answers could be improved.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Bank Street Writer		VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Scholastic	COST:	\$69.95	BACK-UP DISK? Yes
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple, Atari, Commodore 64, IBM-PC			
TYPICAL RUNTIME:				
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Language Arts/Composition & Word Processing			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Tool			
DESCRIPTION:	A word processor that may be utilized in a writing program.			

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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N/A	N/A			
N/A	N/A			
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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X	X			

COMMENTS: An appropriate word processor for new users. A tutorial is available on the second side of the disk. The expanded version (\$125) gives a choice of 40 or 80 column display.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Basic English Skills - Parts of Speech VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Britannica COST: \$349.00 BACK-UP DISK? \$80
 15 - 20 min/session

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II/e TYPICAL RUNTIME: 2 hours total

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); _____ ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Remediation & Skill Developmt

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tool

DESCRIPTION: Consists of 28 lessons, each lesson begins with a tutorial section and is followed by a practice section.

SUMMARYBased upon 3 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X	X	X		

COMMENTS: Diskettes for adverbs, nouns, and verbs are highly recommended for
their clear presentation.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Basic English Skills - Sentences Disk 1 VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Britannica COST: \$49.00 BACK-UP DISK? \$10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIc/e TYPICAL RUNTIME: 20 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Instruction and practice in sentence construction.
Identification of the subject of a sentence.

SUMMARYBased Upon 3 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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	X	X		

COMMENTS: Program reinforces the idea of sentence expressing a complete thought.Pretests, excellent screen directions, and ample opportunity for student feedbackare program strengths. Examples could be improved.

Language Arts

SOFTWARE PROFILE

SUMMARY

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Technical Characteristics

Not recommended for adults



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SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Building Better Sentences</u>		VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	<u>Milton Bradley</u>	COST:	<u>\$49.95</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u></u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>15 - 20 min/session</u> <u>1 1/2 - 2 hrs total</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u> </u> ABE (0-4); <u> X </u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u> X </u> GED (9-12); <u> X </u> ESL; <u> </u> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Language Arts/Skill/Knowledge Development</u>			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Tool</u>			
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Program teaches student to recognize sentence parts & to</u> <u>combine them to make more effective and interesting grammatical structures.</u>			

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: An easy to use, sound basic grammar lesson. The program might be im-
proved with more examples. The cumulative test allows student to gain points for
the game, Alien Raiders.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Capitalization	VERSION:	4.12.84
PRODUCER:	Hartley	COST:	\$49.95
	48K A;;le II/e	BACK-UP DISK?	No
REQUIREMENTS:	Single Disk Drive	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	15 minutes/lesson
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Language Arts/Capitalization		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Tutorial		
DESCRIPTION:	One disk is tutorial and the other is testing. A simple review of capitalization.		

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
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X				

COMMENTS: An appropriate source of low level material for adult learners. The directions are clear and concise and the presentation of rules is slow and methodical.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Grammar Mastery</u>		VERSION: <u>Series A</u>
PRODUCER: <u>Regents/ALA</u>	COST: <u>\$ 39.95/disk</u> <u>\$195.00/series</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>\$ 19.95</u> <u>\$280.00</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>20 min/session</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>x</u> ABE (0-4); <u> </u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u> </u> GED (9-12); <u>x</u> ESL; <u> </u> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>		
DESCRIPTION: <u>Basics of English grammar covering verbs, nouns, pronouns,</u> <u>prepositions, adjectives and adverbs.</u>		

SUMMARYBased Upon 3 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X	X	X		

COMMENTS: Program would be an appropriate reinforcement to classroom work. Prior
teacher instruction is needed for students to work successfully with the program.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Homonyms in Context</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Random House</u>	COST: <u>\$59.95</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple IIe</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>\$10</u>
TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>30 - 40 minutes</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>x</u> ABE (0-4); <u>x</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u> </u> GED (9-12); <u>x</u> ESL; <u> </u> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill & Practice/Simulation</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Recognition and use of homonyms through both drill and</u> <u>game format.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: Program can be used independently and provides appropriate reinforcement
for the student with immediate feedback. The game is not necessary for the program.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Long Vowels</u>		VERSION: _____
Intellectual		
PRODUCER: <u>Software</u>	COST: _____	BACK-UP DISK? _____
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>10-15 min/session</u>	<u>55 min/disk</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); _____ PRE-GED (5-8);		
_____ GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice</u>		
DESCRIPTION: <u>Program teaches students to recognize words with</u>		
<u>long vowel sounds.</u>		

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X	X			

COMMENTS: Sample lessons and instructions are both potentially useful for
adult learners. Some difficulty in exiting from the program exists.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Magic Spells VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Learning Company COST: \$34.95 BACK-UP DISK? \$10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, IBM-PC TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 minutes
Commodore

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Spelling/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Spell and unscramble words with fourteen word lists. It
is possible to create your own word lists.

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: The program is excellent for practicing & reinforcing spelling. It is
easy to operate and clues to errors are helpful. It should have a record-keeping
system for students to assess their performance, and it should repeat problems in
which the student had an error.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Master Spell VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: MECC COST: \$43.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 min/session

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation/
Administrative/Teacher Tool

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tool

DESCRIPTION: Program allows teachers to create lists of spelling words to
be presented with the teacher's own sentences.

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: An easy to use program that allows teachers to create a variety of
personalized lessons. It has a built in management capability.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

<u>SOFTWARE PROFILE</u>	
PROGRAM TITLE: <u>P. F. S. Write</u>	VERSION: _____
<u>Software Publishing</u>	
PRODUCER: <u>Company</u>	COST: <u>\$125.00</u> BACK-UP DISK? <u>No</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple IIe/c, IBM-PC</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: _____
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8);	
<u>X</u> GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts/Word Processing/Skill/Knowl. Dev.</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Tool</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>tutorial disk, instruction manual, and on-screen help options.</u>	
<u>Can write documents up to 16 pages long.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: This word processing program has advanced editing, text movement, and
print features, yet should not be difficult for adult students to operate. The
screen displays the actual print-out.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>SAT - English I</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Microlab Inc.</u>	COST: <u>\$39.00</u> BACK-UP DISK? _____
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: _____
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); _____ PRE-GED (5-8); <u>X</u> GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts/Grammar & Usage</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Tocl, Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Vocabulary, analogies, usage, and comprehension drill presented in SAT format.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X	X			

COMMENTS: Although the level of difficulty of typical SAT English questions may be high for GED students, many of the grammar, sentence completion, and reading comprehension items may be appropriate and challenging for GED preparation. Some technical difficulties exist in exiting from the program.

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Language Arts

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Sentence Combining VERSION: 1 - 10
11 - 18

PRODUCER: Milliken COST: \$195.00 BACK-UP DISK? \$95

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II/e TYPICAL RUNTIME: open-ended

APPROPRIATE USES: ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); ESI; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tutorial, Drill/Practice,

DESCRIPTION: A series of lessons geared to teaching student to write
complete and fluent sentences.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: Content was much more appropriate in lessons 11 - 18 than in lessons
1 - 10. Management system permits individualized assignments and printed record
keeping.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Short Vowels		VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Intellectual Software	COST:	\$21.95	BACK-UP DISK?
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple/Commodore		TYPICAL RUNTIME:	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice			
DESCRIPTION:	Program teaches students to recognize words with short vowel sounds.			

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: An excellent program for use with Special Education students. Teacher assistance is required for students to operate this program.

MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

Language Arts

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Spelling Demons VERSION: DOS 3.3
PRODUCER: Rnadam House COST: \$59.95 BACK-UP DISK? \$10
REQUIREMENTS: Apple II+/e TYPICAL RUNTIME: 30 minutes
APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); PRE-GED (5-8);
 GED (9-12); ESL; PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Spelling
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial
DESCRIPTION: Provides spelling drill and practice and familiarizes
students with write testing method. Includes manager.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: Program may be operated by student independently and is challenging with-
out frustrating the student. Response time should in some instances be made faster.

Distinguishing between the letters "H" and "W" may be a potential problem to some users.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Spelling Volume I</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>MECC</u>	COST: <u>\$44.00</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple IIc</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>10 - 15 minutes</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); _____ PRE-GED (5-8); <u> </u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts/Spelling</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tool</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Multiple choice format for filling in the blank statements.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 3 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X	X		

COMMENTS: Teacher has the ability to create a word list and sentences tailored
to specific students. It is a very flexible program. The teacher may edit frames
to teach definitions or even foreign languages.

MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

Language Arts

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE	
PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Spelling - Volume II</u>	VERSION: <u>3</u>
PRODUCER: <u>MECC</u>	COST: <u>\$44.00</u> BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>10 - 15 minutes</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>ABE (0-4);</u> <u>X</u> <u>PRE-GED (5-8);</u> <u>X</u> <u>GED (9-12);</u> <u>ESL;</u> <u>PRE-VOC.</u>	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts/Spelling</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Tool</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Multiple choice format for filling in the blank statements.</u>	

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X		X		
	X			

COMMENTS: Program can be operated independently by the student. Vocabulary words are challenging. The student might benefit from more time for response.

Instructor is able to provide his/her own content to precisely test the students' needs.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Spell It</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Davidson</u>	COST: <u>\$49.95</u> BACK-UP DISK? <u>\$10</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple, IBM, Commodore</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: _____
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); _____ X PRE-GED (5-3); X GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts/Spelling</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/practice, Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Four learning activities including a game.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 3 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X	X		

COMMENTS: The spelling rules are presented clearly and the program has an editor
allowing the teacher to create her own list.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Verbs 1		VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Milliken	CDST:	\$80.00	BACK-UP DISK? \$40
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II+/e	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	15 minutes	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial			
DESCRIPTION:	Program deals with irregular verbs and problem verb pairs. Each lesson is accompanied by pre-test and post-test.			

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X				

COMMENTS: Adult students should be able to operate this program independently.It could be improved by the addition of more examples.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Vocabulary Skills (Context Clues)</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Milton Bradley</u>	COST: <u>\$40.95</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>15 - 20 min/session</u>
TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>6 lessons</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); _____ x PRE-GED (5-8); _____ GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts/Vocabulary</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Student matches words and definitions. Lessons provide the definitions.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 3 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X		X		

COMMENTS: The program provides the student with definitions, explanations and the opportunity for practice and review. The adult learner might benefit from a greater number of answer choices.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Who, What, Where, When, Why VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Hartlev COST: \$49.94 BACK-UP DISK? \$12

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: x ABE (0-4); x PRE-GED (5-8);
 GED (9-12); x ESL; PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Twelve lessons designed to teach students the difference
between the words in the title.

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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3	4			
3	3+			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
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COMMENTS: Short & simple lessons that may be modified by the teacher. A minimum of
screen directions & explanation of errors given. Simple record keeping is built in &
there is ample practice for student. Graphics display for correct answer is time-
consuming and not adult appropriate.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Wizard of Words</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Computer Advanced Ideas</u>	COST: <u>\$39.95</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple, IBM, Commodore</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>15 - 20 minutes</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8);	
<u>X</u> GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts/Spr'ling/Dictionary Usage</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Simulation</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Five games with eight levels of difficulty.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
X				

COMMENTS: Teacher has the option of entering his own word list. The student
develops skill in use of the dictionary since the program does not supply definitions.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Wordwright</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Britannica</u>	COST: <u>\$49.00</u> BACK-UP DISK? <u>\$10</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>Varies</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u>X</u> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Consists of three skill games that teach vocabulary.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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3	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X			

COMMENTS: The program has ample variety in the exercises, but adult learners would find the answer choices too repetitive. Teacher assistance is required for the student to operate this program.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Writing Skills</u>		VERSION:	<u>1.0</u>
PRODUCER:	<u>Peachtree</u>	COST:	<u>\$39.95</u>	BACK-UP DISK?
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>45 min/disk</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u> </u> ABE (0-4); <u> X </u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u> X </u> GED (9-12); <u> </u> ESL; <u> </u> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation</u>			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>			
DESCRIPTION:	<u>A series of five programs that focus on correcting the most common writing mistakes by sharpening self-editing skills.</u>			

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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2	1			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X				
	X			

COMMENTS: Teacher assistance is required for students to operate this program successfully.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Career Directions	VERSION:	1
	System Design		
PRODUCER:	Associates, Inc.	COST:	\$89.00
		BACK-UP DISK?	No
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	1 hour
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); PRE-GED (5-8); X GED (9-12); ESL; X PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Life Skills/Diagnostic/Prescriptive		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Tutorial		
DESCRIPTION:	Student answers questions that lead to a print-out of a profile of interests, abilities, and suggested careers.		

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X				

COMMENTS: A reasonable, useful and informative program that can help students
in planning for life goals.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Daily Living Skills: Banking & Credit</u>	VERSION: <u>DOS 3.3</u>
PRODUCER: <u>Britannica</u>	COST: <u>\$59.00</u>
BACK-UP DISK? <u>\$10</u>	
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II/e/c</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>15 - 20 minutes</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8);	
<u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u> </u> ESL; <u>X</u> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Life Skills/Banking & Credit</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Tutorial/Simulation</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Introduces the fundamental aspects of bank accounts, both saving & checking. Presents basic credit concepts: obtaining credit, using credit cards -- limits and service charges.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: Relevant to adult life style and needs. Presentation of information is sequential. Animated graphics are useful if used in conjunction with supplementary teacher explanations and materials.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Life Coping Skills</u>	VERSION: <u>Building Relationships</u>
PRODUCER: <u>Plato</u>	COST: <u>\$295.00</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II+, IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>30 minutes</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>ABE (0-4);</u> <u>X</u> <u>PRE-GED (5-8);</u> <u>X</u> <u>GED (9-12);</u> <u>ESL;</u> <u>X</u> <u>PRE-VOC.</u>	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Life Skills/Interpersonal Skills</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>A series of courses (19 disks) that provide students with tools for self-improvement and life management skills.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X			

COMMENTS: Content level is very basic and needs further development through discussion. Presentations could have been more briskly paced.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Life Coping Skills
Forming Positive Behavior VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Control Data COST: \$295.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II+, IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 30 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Life Skills/Skill/Knowledge Development

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Simulation, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: One of a series of courses providing students with tools for
self-improvement and life management skills.

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: May be used independently by adult learner: Screens sometimes contain
an excess of text.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Life Coping Skills</u>	VERSION: <u>Increasing Self-Esteem</u>
PRODUCER: <u>Plato</u>	COST: <u>\$295.00</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II+, IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>1 hour</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>ABE (0-4);</u> <u>X</u> <u>PRE-GED (5-3);</u> <u>X</u> <u>GED (9-12);</u> <u>ESL;</u> <u>X</u> <u>PRE-VOC.</u>	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Life Skills/Personal Awareness</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>One of a series of courses providing students with tools for self-improvement and life management skills.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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	X			

COMMENTS: Program is readable, generally interesting to adults, and provides fundamental counseling. It reinforces positive thinking. Responses could have shown more variety.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Money! Money!</u>		VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Hartley</u>	COST: <u>\$39.95</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>No</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple, IBM</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>15 sessions</u>	<u>10 min/session</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-3); <u> </u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u>X</u> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Life Skills/Basic Skill Remediation</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tool, Tutorial</u>		
DESCRIPTION: <u>Program deals with basic coin recognition, counting and figuring change through simple word problems.</u>		

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: An easy basic instruction tool for counting change. The program is
modifiable and has a simple record-keeping system.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Adding Fractions		VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Microcomputer Workshops	COST:	\$24.95 each \$90.00 series	BACK-UP DISK? Yes
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	20 minutes	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Math			
INSTRUCTIONAL MCDE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial			
DESCRIPTION:	Series of exercised designed to reinforce skill in adding fractions.			

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: Exercises are randomly generated and errors are explained to the student.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>The Arithmetic Classroom - Decimals</u>		VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Sterling Swift</u>	COST: <u>\$49.95</u>	BACK-UP DISK? _____
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II, IBM-PC</u>		15 min/lesson
TYPICAL RUNTIME: _____		1 hour total
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); _____ X PRE-GED (5-8);		
_____ GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Math</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>		
DESCRIPTION: <u>One of a total of 8 learning packages. Each package contains a lesson diskette, a practice workbook & achievement record forms. All test various levels of competence.</u>		

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
X				

COMMENTS: Problems are randomly generated and instructional hints are provided for incorrect responses.

MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

Math

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>The Arithmetic Classroom - Division</u>		VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Sterling Swift</u>	COST: <u>\$49.95</u>	BACK-UP DISK? _____
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II, IIf</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>20 min/session</u> <u>2 hours total</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u> </u> GED (9-12); <u> </u> ESL; <u> </u> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Mathematics/Division & Multiplication</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>		
DESCRIPTION: <u>There are five or six lessons with mastery checks. Content is geared to basic skill development for multiplication and division.</u>		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/change

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X	X		

COMMENTS: A practice workbook and achievement record sheet are included with the package. The program allows students to progress as they pass various levels of testing.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

The Arithmetic Classroom	
PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Fractions: Addition & Subtraction</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Sterling Swift</u>	COST: <u>\$49.95</u> BACK-UP DISK? _____
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>10 - 15 min/session</u> <u>1 hour total</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); <u>x</u> PRE-GED (5-8); _____ GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Math</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Student completes achievement record after each lesson.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: May be used appropriately to provide reinforcement for math skills
previously learned.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>The Arithmetic Classroom</u> <u>Fractions: Basic Concepts</u>		VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Sterling Swift</u>	COST: <u>\$49.95</u>	BACK-UP DISK? _____
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II, IBM-PC</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>10 - 15 min/lesson</u> <u>1 hour total</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); _____ GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Math</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>		
DESCRIPTION: <u>Program consists of lessons at various levels of competence.</u> <u>Student completes achievement record after each lesson.</u>		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
X				

COMMENTS: Fractions are presented with visual models. Tutorial is followed by
practice problems to test understanding.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

The Arithmetic Classroom	
PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Fractions: Multiplication & Division</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Sterling Swift</u>	COST: <u>\$49.95</u> BACK-UP DISK? _____
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>10 - 15 min/session</u> <u>1 hour total</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); _____ GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOL.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Math</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Student completes achievement record after each lesson. Program is designed to develop skills in multiplying and dividing fractions.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
X				

COMMENTS: Instructional hints are provide and program comes with a practice workbook. Student must complete a lesson before exiting the program.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Building Basic Math Skills VERSION: _____
 Merit Audio
 PRODUCER: Visual COST: \$34.95 BACK-UP DISK? \$10
 REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIc/+ TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15min/session
 APPROPRIATE USES: ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); ESL; PRE-VOC.
 SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math
 INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice
 DESCRIPTION: The program is designed to develop and strengthen
the student's skills in rounding numbers.

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: Program provides practice for students in rounding numbers.
It has appropriate feedback and reinforcement to users' responses.

MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

Math

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Discover What Graphs Can Tell You</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Media Materials, Inc.</u>	COST: <u>\$39.95</u> BACK-UP DISK? _____
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>10 - 15 minutes</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u>X</u> GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Math/Reading Graphs</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Disk contains tutorial lesson and then student can go on to the workbook for drill and practice of concepts.</u>	

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics
 Content Characteristics
 Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend
 Use with reservations/changes
 Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: This program contains a single lesson for student practice. Further knowledge of graphing is developed through use of accompanying workbook.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Dividing Fractions		VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Microcomputer Workshops	COST:	\$24.95 each \$90.00 series	BACK-UP DISK? Yes
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	20 min/session	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Math			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial			
DESCRIPTION:	Series of exercises that reinforce students skill at dividing fractions.			

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3		
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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: Exercises are randomly generated. Immediate feedback for errors and the errors are classified at the end of each problem as to the area -- i.e. computational or least common denominator.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Elementary Math - Volume 3</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>MECC</u>	COST: <u>\$45.00</u> BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple IIc, IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>15 min/session</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u>X</u> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Math/Basic Skill Remediation</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Analysis of basic geometrical figures.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 3 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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4	4	3		
2	3	4		

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X		X		
	X			

COMMENTS: Graphics are used appropriately to reinforce geometric concepts of area and perimeter.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>The Factory</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Sunburst</u>	COST: <u>\$55.00</u>
Acorn, Apple, Commodore,	
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Atari, IBM-PC, TRS-80</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>15 min/session</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); _____ PRE-GED (5-3);	
_____ X GED (9-12); _____ X ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Math/Problem Solving</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Simulation</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Program simulates a factory and student is required to use</u>	
<u>eight machine operations to create a geometric shape.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3		
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4	3			
3	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X			

COMMENTS: An excellent program for developing sequencing skills and visual reading.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Fraction Factory</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Springboard</u>	COST: <u>\$30.00</u> BACK-UP DISK? <u>No</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>1 hour</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); _____ GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Math/Basic Skill Remediation</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Simulation</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Game format dealing with proportions and reducing fractions.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: Excellent practice program for fractions that may used independently or
as a game between two learners.

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Math

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Mathematics Activities Courseware	VERSION:	Level 7
PRODUCER:	Houghton-Mifflin	COST:	\$150.00
		BACK-UP DISK?	Yes
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple IIe	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Mathematics/Enrichment		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Simulation		
DESCRIPTION:	Program combines suc of drilling exercises and games in an effort to improve student's basic math skills.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X			

COMMENTS. Improved screen directions would enhance new user's ability to run the program independently. Program can be exited with ease. A variety of activities available on the disk. A wealth of supplementary materials available within the documentation.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Math Sequences</u>		VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Milliken</u>	COST: <u>\$675.00</u>	BACK-UP DISK? _____
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>30 min/sitting</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u>X</u> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Math/Basic Skill Remediation</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>		
DESCRIPTION: <u>Provides drill and practice activities over a comprehensive, objective-based mathematics curriculum for grades 1 -8.</u>		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY. 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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4	4			
3	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X			

COMMENTS: A very comprehensive set of 10 discs covering nearly all skill objectives in basic mathematics. Management system permits individualized assignments. Record-keeping system enables teacher to acquire printout of students' performance.

MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

Math

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Math Sequences: Equations	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Milliken	COST:	\$40.00
	Atari 800	BACK-UP DISK?	\$20
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II+/IIe	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	10 min/drill
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input type="checkbox"/> AGE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Math		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice		
DESCRIPTION:	Part of Math Sequences program that covers math curriculum for grades 1 - 8. All work is performed on screen.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
X				

COMMENTS: Has a variety of drills. Requires student to try problem twice before
supplying solutions. The program refers the student to the instructor after the
third mistake. Printed reports of student progress available through well designed
management system.

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Math

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Multiplying Fractions</u>		VERSION:	<u></u>
PRODUCER:	<u>Microcomputer</u>	<u>\$24.95 ea</u>	BACK-UP DISK?	<u>Yes</u>
	<u>Workshops</u>	<u>COST: \$90.00 series</u>		
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>20 min/session</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u> </u> ABE (0-4); <u> X </u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u> </u> GED (9-12); <u> </u> ESL; <u> </u> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Math</u>			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>			
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Drill and practice in multiplying fractions.</u>			

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: Immediate and useful feedback provided upon user error.

Errors are classified as to computational or misuse of rule.

MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

Math

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	The Pond		VERSION:	1209BC
PRODUCER:	Sunburst	COST:	\$55.00	BACK-UP DISK? Yes
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple, Atari, TRS-80 Commodore, IBM,			
TYPICAL RUNTIME:	10 - 40 minutes			
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Problem Solving/Pattern Recognition			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Game			
DESCRIPTION:	A game that uses observation of screen movements to develop pattern recognition ability.			

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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4	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X			

COMMENTS: Makes excellent use of graphics and non-verbal communications while teaching elements of problem solving. The difficulty level is adjustable to various ability levels. Motivational format.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Sem Calc</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Sunburst</u>	COST: <u>\$95.00</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Acorn, Apple II, Atari, TRS-80</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u>
TYPICAL RUNTIME: _____	
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u>X</u> GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Math/Basic Skill Remediation</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Tool, Program</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Problem solving using a built in calculator.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 4 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	
4	2	2	4	
4	2	2	4	
4	1	1	4	

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	
X			X	
	X	X		

COMMENTS: Comprehensive documentation must be utilized for program operation. A powerful & versatile tool for teaching problem-solving strategies. Teacher supplies problems to be solved by students. Students must learn to utilize the program before dealing with applications.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Subtracting Mixed Fractions		VERSION:	
	Microcomputer	\$24.95 each		
PRODUCER:	Workshops	COST: 90.00 series	BACK-UP DISK?	Yes
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	20 min/session	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Math			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial			
DESCRIPTION:	Series of problems that drill students in the subtraction of mixed fractions.			

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: Errors are immediately flagged and explained. At the end of each problem, errors are classified as: incorrect use of rule, computation, or least common denominator.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Survival Math</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Aquarius People</u> <u>Materials, Inc.</u>	COST: <u>\$29.95</u> BACK-UP DISK? <u>\$10</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>15 min/session</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); _____ GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Mathematics/Daily Living</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Problem solving for every day encounters with</u> <u>checkbooks, purchasing, fractions, decimals, and percents.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
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COMMENTS: Presentation includes only one set of problems with no
randomization apparent.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Teasers by Tobbs</u>	VERSION: <u> </u>
PRODUCER: <u>Sunburst</u> COST: <u>\$55.00</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Acorn, Apple II, Atari,</u>	
TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u> </u>	
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8);	
<u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u>X</u> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Mathematics/Addition & Multiplication</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Game</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Addition and multiplication problems involving multistep</u>	
<u>variations, missing addends, missing factors.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 3 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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4	4	4		

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X	X		

COMMENTS: Six levels of problem types ranging from simple addition and multiplication
to challenging multistep variations. Format develops an understanding of the rela-
tionships between addition and subtraction, and between multiplication & division.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Comprehension Power</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Milliken</u>	COST: <u>\$150.00/leve/4 disks</u> <u>40.00/disk</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II+.IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>15 minutes</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u>X</u> GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Reading/Basic Skill Remediation</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Skill building program for students at reading levels four through twelve.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: An excellent program for controlled reading. Would be appropriate for
for use with Special Education students.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Cloze Plus Program VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Milliken COST: \$425.00 BACK-UP DISK? \$210

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: As needed

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice

DESCRIPTION: Program develops comprehension and vocabulary skills.

SUMMARYBased Upon 4 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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3	4	3	4	

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	
X	X		X	
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COMMENTS: The ability of users to ask for clues is one of the positive features
of the program. The graphics are not really needed and may detract from the program.
Content is generally interesting and adult appropriate.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Th</u> - <u>Horse</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Pomfret House</u>	COST: _____ BACK-UP DISK? _____
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: _____
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); _____ GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Reading/Skill/Knowledge Development</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Program gives the student a passage to read and then the student answers questions.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
X				

COMMENTS: Program is designed for students who are at least on a fifth grade reading level. Vocabulary reinforcement is an added feature of the program.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Missing Links</u>	VERSION: <u>English Editor</u>
PRODUCER: <u>Sunburst</u>	COST: <u>\$55.00</u>
Acorn, Apple II, Atari,	
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Commodore, IBM-PC, TRS-80</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>5 - 20 minutes</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>ABE (0-4);</u> <u>X</u> <u>PRE-GED (5-8);</u>	
<u>X</u> <u>GED (9-12);</u> <u>X</u> <u>ESL;</u> <u>X</u> <u>PRE-VOC.</u>	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Reading/Spelling/Skill & Knowledge Development</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Skill Program</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Students fill in the missing letters or words to passages</u>	
<u>(provided by the teacher) of varying degrees of difficulty.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 3 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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2	4	3		

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
	X	X		
X				

COMMENTS: Cloze technique employed for improving reading comprehension, vocabulary,
& spelling. The many levels of difficulty available & the ability of the teacher to
provide reading passages enable precise customization to user. Very appropriate for ESL.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Missing Links</u>	VERSION: <u>Young People's Literature</u>
PRODUCER: <u>Sunburst</u> COST: <u>\$55.00</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Acorn, Apple II, Atari, Commodore, IBM-PC, TRS-80</u> TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>5 - 20 minutes</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES: <u> </u> ABE (0-4); <u> x </u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u> x </u> GED (9-12); <u> x </u> ESL; <u> </u> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Reading/Spelling/Skill & Knowledge Development</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Program is paragraph form with students filling in the blanks with vowels, consonants, or words. May be used as a game.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
	x			
x				

COMMENTS: Motivational program to be used as practice for spelling, context clues, and parts of speech. Readings in this session are not all adult-appropriate. See English Editor version.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Programming Phonics: Series K - 3</u> <u>Beginning Consonants</u>		VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Intellectual Software</u>	COST: _____	BACK-UP DISK? _____
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II/IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>10 - 15 minutes</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); _____ PRE-GED (5-8); _____ GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Reading/Basic Skill Remediation</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/practice</u>		
DESCRIPTION: <u>Program introduces readers to consonants.</u>		

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: Improves ability to recognize consonant sounds by requiring the user
to relate a variety of pictures to word choices.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Reading and Thinking</u>		VERSION:	<u>1982</u>
PRODUCER:	<u>Queue, Inc.</u>	COST:	<u>\$79.95</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>No</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple, IBM-PC</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>10-15 min/session</u> <u>1 hr/total program</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>X</u> ABE (C-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u> </u> GED (9-12); <u> </u> ESL; <u> </u> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Reading/Basic Skill Remediation</u>			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>			
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Requires students to deal with inferential thinking</u> <u>to answer the questions.</u>			

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X			

COMMENTS: A program appropriate for beginning readers. The correct answers are
explained through clues from the text. Reproducible worksheets available.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Speed Reader II</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Davidson & Associates</u>	COST: <u>\$69.95</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II+/IIf</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>15 min/lesson</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8);	
<u>X</u> GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Reading/Basic Skill Remediation</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>A six-part reading program that uses either built-in content or teacher supplied content.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: The program allows the student a choice of reading rate and gives
timed reading test. Teacher can modify content to be appropriate for both ABE and
GED students.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Tutorial Comprehension</u>		VERSION:	<u></u>
PRODUCER:	<u>Random House</u>	COST:	<u>\$995.00 complete</u> <u>79.95/level</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>\$10/disk</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple II, TRS-80</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u></u>	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u></u> ESL; <u></u> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Reading</u>			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>			
DESCRIPTION:	<u>A series of menu-driven programs to improve reading skills in</u> <u>main idea, detail, inference, and sequence.</u>			

SUMMARYBased Upon 4 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 1 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	
4	4	3	2	
4	3	3	2	
3	3	2	4	

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	
X	X	X		
			X	

COMMENTS: Graphics enhance the program. Documentation must be carefully read before operating the programs. Content not always appropriate for adult learners.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Vowels</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Hartley</u>	COST: <u>\$93.95</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple IIe, Franklin 1000</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u>
<u>Cassette Recorder</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>10-20min/lesson</u> <u>53 lessons</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>x</u> ABE (0-4); _____ PRE-GED (5-8); _____ GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Reading/Basic Skill Remediation</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Audio component from cassette recorder is synchronized with</u> <u>the monitor. Directions are given to student auditorially.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
x				

COMMENTS: An excellent way to teach phonics and spelling to beginning readers.

It is time consuming for teachers to make their own tapes. Program might be
enhanced if students had a chance to review errors after each section.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Word Attack</u>		VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Davidson & Assoc.</u>	COST: <u>\$49.95</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>\$10</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple, IBM, Commodore</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>10 - 15 minutes</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Reading/Vocabulary, Skill & Knowledge Development</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill, Tutorial</u>		
DESCRIPTION: <u>A versatile program that utilizes either built-in content or teacher supplied content.</u>		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X	X	X		

COMMENTS: A flexible program for building vocabulary and word attack skills,
especially appropriate for ESL. Motivational with proper feedback for adult
learners. Nine levels make the program useful for a wide range of abilities.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Systems of the Human Body VERSION: _____
 Little Shaver Ed. \$ 29.95 ea
 PRODUCER: Software Company COST: \$150.00 series BACK-UP DISK? No
 REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 30 - 40 minutes
 APPROPRIATE USES: ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
 X GED (9-12); ESL; PRE-VOC.
 SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Science/Biology, Skill/ Knowledge Development
 INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tutorial/Simulation
 DESCRIPTION: Each section of program has: 1) vocabulary/definitions,
2) fill in blanks, 3) passages and simulations, 4) test.

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X	X			

COMMENTS: A useful supplement to science text materials. Review available as
needed. The test displays the number of correct answers. User can easily return
to menu at any time.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Meet the Presidents</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Versa Computing, Inc.</u>	COST: <u>\$39.95</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II</u>	BACK-UP DISK? _____
TYPICAL RUNTIME: _____	
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); _____ PRE-GED (5-8);	
_____ X _____ GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Social Studies/U.S. Presidents</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Game</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>A slide show is available to run before the students begin the program.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: It would be helpful to run the slide show first. The students should make a list of the presidents to use as a reference tool when running the program and playing the game.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>President Elect</u>	VERSION: _____
<u>Strategies</u>	
PRODUCER: <u>simulations, Inc.</u>	COST: <u>\$45.00</u>
BACK-UP DISK? _____	
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>30 minutes</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); _____ PRE-GED (5-3);	
_____ X _____ GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Social Studies/history/Enrichment</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Simulation</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Strategy simulation of presidential election.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X	X			

COMMENTS: The program is appropriate for upper level readers. Program assumes
some background knowledge on the part of the student.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>U.S. Constitution Tutor</u>	VERSION: _____
<u>Microlab</u>	
PRODUCER: <u>Learning Co.</u>	COST: <u>\$39.00</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>15 - 20 minutes</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); _____ PRE-GED (5-8);	
_____ X GED (9-12); _____ X ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Social Studies/Skill/Knowledge Dev.</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Familiarizes student with the United States</u>	
<u>Constitution.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: Program is very useful in classes for Advanced Citizenship
Preparation.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Dasher</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Conduit</u>	COST: <u>\$150.00</u> BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple II+, IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: _____
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); _____ PRE-GED (5-8); <u>_____</u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u>_____</u> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Utilities, LANGUAGE Arts</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tool</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>4 Diskettes (English, Spanish, French, German) with special characters for each language. Authoring program for creating drill & practice exercises.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X				

COMMENTS: Program allows teacher to readily create content appropriate for adult learners. Its' biggest strength is a unique error-checking system which checks responses letter-by-letter, forcing user to retype misspelled letters. Very useful for grammar practice for foreign language study.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Mastertype		VERSION:	
	Scarborough			
PRODUCER:	Systems	COST:	\$39.95	BACK-UP DISK?
	Atari, Comm., IBM-PC/XT/PC JR			
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II, II+, IIe	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	20 - 45 minutes	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Typing/Keyboard Instruction/Skill Development			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Tutorial, Simulation			
DESCRIPTION:	Typing drills, finger postioning exercises and sentence practice. Variety of levels.			

SUMMARYBased Upon 3 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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X				

COMMENTS: It is important to use instructional booklet first, but the program
does not require an instructor. It allows students to advance at an individual
pace.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Readability Formula		VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Britannica	COST:	\$49.00	BACK-UP DISK? \$10
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple IIe, IIc, II+		TYPICAL RUNTIME:	10 min/session 30 minutes total
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Utilities/Reading			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Tool			
DESCRIPTION:	Seven different tests may be applied simultaneously to determine the reading level of a passage.			

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: An excellent tool for computing the reading level of a selection.The manual is needed for initial use of program.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Scriptsit</u>	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	<u>Radio Shack</u>	COST:	<u>\$300.00</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>TRS-80</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u>X</u> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Word Processing/Skill/Knowledge Dev.</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Tool</u>		
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Word Processing package with many advanced features.</u>		

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: Procedures for basic editing are relatively straight forward.

For the more advanced features, such as merging, a second disk drive is required. Dictionary can be purchased separately & requires a second disk drive

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Teacher Utilities: Vol. 1</u> <u>Review & Review Load</u>		VERSION: <u>4.2</u>
PRODUCER: <u>MECC</u>	COST: _____	BACK-UP DISK? _____
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>15 minutes</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u>X</u> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Utilities</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice</u>		
DESCRIPTION: <u>Teacher created drill and practice review tests that are</u> <u>presented in random order.</u>		

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: The program allows teacher a relatively easy format for writing
practice and drill questions. Feedback is simple and immediate.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Teaching Tools: Spelling Package</u>		VERSION: _____
Teaching Tools:		
PRODUCER: <u>Microcomputer</u>	COST: <u>\$100.00</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u>
Apple II/IIe; Cassette		
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Recorder w/remote jack</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>Variable</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8);		
<u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u>X</u> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Spelling/Phonics</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>		
DESCRIPTION: <u>Student hears word on tape recorder and types answer. High-</u>		
<u>lighted corrections and hints are provided for students.</u>		

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: Feedback is pleasant, but student might benefit from additional graphics.
It is easy to enter spelling words and match them with verbal entry. Some teacher
assistance is required.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Visicalc</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Scholastic</u>	COST: <u>\$89.95</u>
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple IBM-PC, TRS-80, Commodore 64</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u>
TYPICAL RUNTIME: _____	
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u>X</u> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Math/Business</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Tool</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>A spreadsheet accompanied by a written tutorial.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: Visicalc is a powerful spreadsheet program. It is useful for administrative applications such as budgeting. With a high degree of preparation it could be used as a problem-solving tool for GED teachers.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Worksheet Wizard</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Learning Arts</u>	COST: <u>\$34.95</u> BACK-UP DISK? _____
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: _____
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); _____ PRE-GED (5-8); _____ GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Math</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Tool</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Creates random worksheets for drill in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.</u>	

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

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COMMENTS: Helps the student do skill work in a particular area of weakness. For
division the answers are listed with remainders and fractions and decimals.

SOFTWARE ESPECIALLY USEFUL FOR ADULT ED APPLICATIONS
AND IDENTIFIED BY ADULT EDUCATORS

Title	Publisher	Description
<u>COMPUTER LITERACY</u>		
COMPUTER CONCEPTS	Continuous Learning	Computer Literacy
<u>ESL</u>		
ESSENTIAL IDIOMS	Regents ALA	Idioms
GRAMMAR MASTERY	Regents ALA	Language Arts
SPELL IT!	Davidson	Tool for teaching spelling
WORD ALERT	Regents ALA	Vocabulary
<u>LANGUAGE ARTS</u>		
ANALOGIES	Hartley	Analogies
BASIC ENGLISH SKILLS	Britannica	Grammar, Sentence Structure
BANK STREET WRITER	Scholastic	Word, Processing, Composition
CAPITALIZATION	Hartley	Capitalization, Writing Skills
CLOZE PLUS	Milliken	Language, Reading
COMPREHENSION POWER	Milliken	Reading Comprehension
CONTEXT CLUES	Educational Activities	Reading
CORE READING	Educational Activities	Reading
FACT OR OPINION	Hartley	Reading
GAPPER	HRM	Reading, Context Clues, Vocabulary
GRAMMAR MASTERY	Regents	Grammar
MASTER SPELL	MECC	Spelling Utility
MISSING LINKS	Sunburst	Reading, Context Clues, Vocabulary, Spelling
MISSING LINKS/ ENGLISH EDITOR	Sunburst	Shell Version of Missing Links
PUNCTUATION SKILLS	Milton Bradley	Instruction, practice, mastery of Punctuation Skills
READING & THINKING	Queue	Reading, Basic Skill Remediation
SENTENCE COMBINING	Milliken	Writing
SPELLING VOL. 1 & 2	MECC	Drill & Practice, immediate reinforcement
STORY TREE	Scholastic	Writing Tool
WORD ATTACK	Davidson	Vocabulary
WORD QUEST	Sunburst	Alphabetization
WRITING WIZARD	Scarborough	Word Processor, Writing Skills

LIFE SKILLS

DAILY LIVING SKILLS

Britannica

Part of a series BANKING &
CREDiT addressing subject of
coping
Human Relations

PLATO LIFE COPING
SKILLS

Control Data

MATH

ARITHMETIC CLASSROOM
ELEMENTARY MATH VOL.3
BASIC MATH COMPETENCY
FRACTIONS

Sterling Swift
MECC
Educational Activities
Q.E.D.

Division & Multiplication
Geometry
Basic Math Skills
Concepts & Operations with
Fractions

LEMONADE
MONEY! MONEY!
MATH SEQUENCES
SEMCALC
THE POND
TEASERS BY TOBBS

MECC
Hartley
Milliken
Sunburst
Sunburst
Sunburst

Simple economics, estimation
Recognition & Use of Cash
Arithmetic, Fractions
Basic Skills, Problem Solving
Sequences, Patterns, Logic
Basic Operations, multi-step
problems
Problem Solving

THE FACTORY

Sunburst

SCIENCE

SYSTEMS OF THE HUMAN
BODY

Little Shaver Educational
Software

Biology

SOCIAL STUDIES

PRESIDENT ELECT

Strategic Simulations

Simulates Presidential Election

TOOLS

CROSSWORD MAGIC

Mindscape

Create customized crossword
puzzles

LESSON CREATE

Hartley

Utility for writing lessons,
drill sequences, tests or
tutorials

MATH SHEET
TEACHER UTILITIES VOL.1

Houghton-Mifflin
MECC

Worksheet Generator
Question generator

ADDITIONAL REVIEW RESOURCES FOR
ADULT EDUCATION SOFTWARE PRODUCTS

The Digest of Software Review: Education
301 West Mesa, Fresno, CA 93704

Purpose: The Digest of Software Reviews publishes a collection of evaluative reports on a wide variety of educational software products. Not reporting their own views or opinions, the Digest instead provides a collection of reviews from numerous publications, organizations, and other evaluation resources organized by product, subject area, and student ability level.

Educational Products Information Exchange (EPIE)
Box 620, Story Brook, NY 11790

Purpose: EPIE is a non-profit consumer-supported agency that gathers and disseminates descriptive and analytical information on performance and effects on learners, about instructional materials, equipment, and systems.

MicroSIFT, Northeast Regional Educational Laboratory, Computer Technology
Program, 300 S.W. Sixth Avenue, Portland, OR 94204

Purpose: MicroSIFT is a National Institute of education-sponsored clearinghouses for microcomputer instructional software. It was established to design effective procedures for collection, evaluation, and dissemination of materials and information, and to incorporate a flexible user support and technical assistance component.

Region X Adult Education Software Consortium
Treaty Oak Community College Service District
400 East 4th, The Dalles, OR 97058

Purpose: The Region X Consortium publishes software buyer's guides for adult education products that provides descriptions and prices of well-reveiwed software. Newsletters are also disseminated to members that provide information and reviews on newer products and practices for adult education.